

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment opportunities have reduced in agriculture sector throughout the country, particularly in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Union Government during the said period under the Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Rozgar Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme in order to increase the employment opportunities in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): As per Census of India, the employment opportunities in agriculture in the country as a whole have increased from 2106.76 lakh persons in 1991 to 2340.88 lakh persons in 2001. In Himachal Pradesh, the employment opportunities in agriculture have increased from 16.12 lakh persons in 1991 to 20.49 lakh persons in 2001.

(c): The funds allocated by the Union Government to Himachal Pradesh and expenditure incurred under the given schemes are as under:

Name of Scheme	Allocation during 2005-06	Expenditure/utilization during 2005-06
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Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana	Rs.659.80 Lakh	Rs.678.32 Lakh
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Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) [Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme were merged with SGRY]	Rs.3,644.51 Lakh	Rs.3,587.90 Lakh
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Source: Annual Report 2006-07 Ministry of Rural Development.